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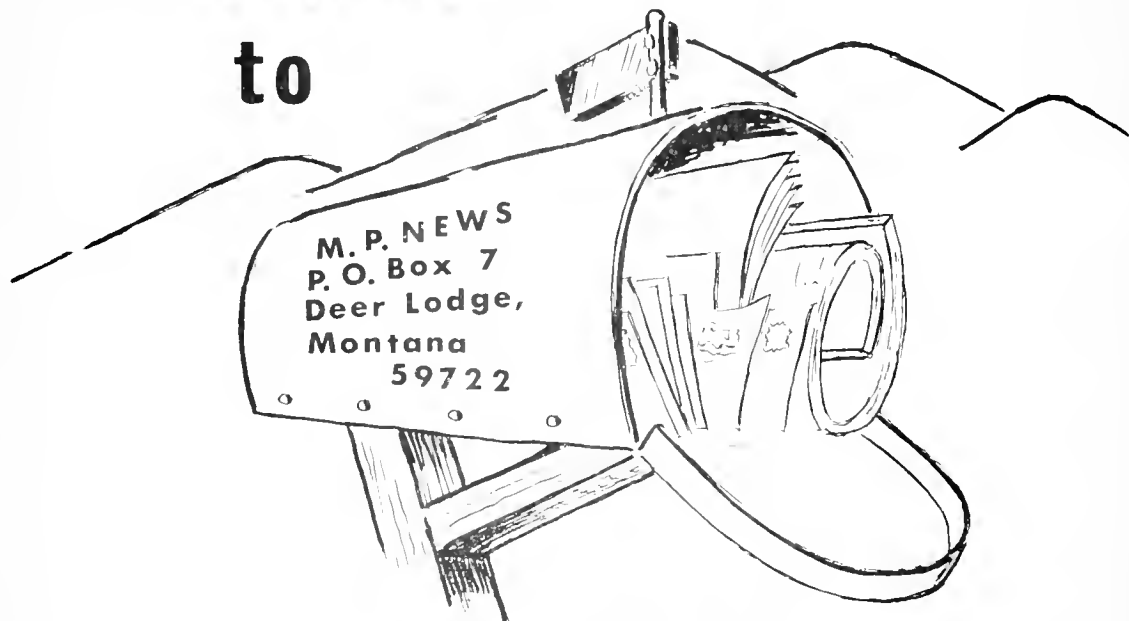
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Editorial



WHO'S INSTITUTIONALIZED?

Since the beginning of time, man has been concerned with many social problems. Most noteworthy of recent years is the crime and corruption enigma. Understandable to most penologists are those who commit their first offense. But they scratch their heads when it comes to answering---why a person would continue to commit criminal acts once they have tasted the ---drab---often hellish world of the prisoner.

Just think-----throughout the tens of millions of people in America who are perturbed about the breakdown of "law and order"-----how many know anything-----or really care to know anything about our prison systems? Not one percent at the most.

How many know or care that it is the most expensive, most futile, and most self-defeating system that we could employ; or that more than seventy percent of the men we send to prison each year are repeaters.

But these very same people who don't know or care are the ones who set back and complain that something should be done about the rising crime rate----but what? They can't seem to think or care is that if you send a man to prison---and keep him there for years---he will eventually change.

It is a known fact that about forty to fifty percent of those men who are convicted and sentenced to a prison for a crime, learn from their very first mistake or brush with the law and imprisonment. They leave prison and lead law-abiding lives.

The others strive to make a career of crime and getting caught, these

are the ones who concern the professionals involved in combating the problem of recidivism.

A man, who has been in prison several times, will appear before a judge for sentencing and be committed again.

At the same time we are saying, he is a product of his environment. Yet, we proceed to place him in an environment that has the very same conditions we are trying to change.

If rehabilitation is one of the purposes for sending a man to prison in the first place, pray tell me, how a man who has been down this road several times before is going to find it any different this time?

Either the inmate, the courts, the institution, the community or all four, have missed the boat somewhere along the line. He has been here and yet he is back. It's a four way intersection, and everybody must do his own footwork to meet at the corner. If one doesn't show the rest may as well have "stood" at home.

Almost without exception a man who has been imprisoned for the second, third, or more times, is lumped into the catch-all group of being institutionalized, that he can't make it on the outside.

This is a little hard to swallow because men in prison are reduced to an absolute cipher. And their bare environmental circumstances reinforce in their minds society's low opinion of them. They are worthless outcasts, subhumans in a subculture.

So who's institutionalized?????????

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THE HOOLIGAN PRIEST Anthony J. Gregori



Generally speaking convicts are mistrusting, doubtful and highly suspicious of anyone representing theology. Most of us are caught up in a tight band of mixed up emotions. Our views on religion are scarcely less confused. Is God dead? Don't ask us. Most of us have failed to deliver ourselves completely to Christian ideologies. For the majority of us, religion is merely a word, sometimes honored, sometimes not.

Why??? Almost invariably, should you ask a man who is serving time in prison, his answer will amount to: "Too many people pay no more than lip service to Christianity. They cluck about so called Christian principles until their tongues dry out. But they are not about to inconvenience themselves practicing these principles if they can avoid it. And anyway religion is poor compensation for drudgery, frustration magnified a thousand times into a nightmarish ogre."

No matter how blasphemous these attitudes may be----no matter how wrong they are----they exist, they are there----and they present barriers which are almost impossible to breach.

When you first come in contact with him it is most unlikely that you would place him in the category of being one of the most impressive men you've met. What you see is an open countenance, heavy sideburns halfway down his face, budding second and third chins, that give him a self indulgent look, virile, thick, dark eye brows and steady dark eyes, and the short stocky frame with a little pot puffing up from too many gravied luncheons and dinners. When he walks he kinda plods, like maybe he was walking through a plowed field.

His most outstanding visible characteristic is the smile, almost a permanent fixture, always spontaneous, completely natural, and it pervades like an aura. And the voice----deep, resonant and calm.

His isn't an overpowering, forceful personality. But as you become better acquainted you suddenly begin to realize that he is comfortable to be around, relaxing to talk with. That immensely you enjoy being in his company.

Reverend Anthony F. Gregori, affectionately known by the men of Montana State Prison as the "Hooligan Priest", the "Hippie Priest", "Father G.", may not awe you with his physical appearance but there is little question of the impact he has had on many of the lives of the men behind bars in Deer Lodge.

Father Gregori, ordained a priest of the Catholic Church in 1953, presently an assistant professor of sociology at the College of Great Falls, has become a familiar figure both inside the walls of the prison proper and at Rothe Hall during the past year. In that year he has gained the esteem and respect of almost everyone he has come in contact with.

Not once since he has been coming here has he ever conducted a formal religious service. Never in a conversation here has he been known to be the one to broach the subject of Religion, or God, or Christianity. But you find yourself discussing these things with him. And you're not quite sure why you do.



As time goes on you become curious about this rotund little man who wears the Roman collar. He may very well walk into your cell, plop himself down on your bunk and take up a conversation where he left off two weeks before as though it had never been interrupted; who grabs a tray and joins the line of inmates as they file into the dining room for dinner; who walks the galleries of the cell house as though he lived there.



So one of the things that bothers to come, the trouble to spend with convicts as he does, methodical, tell-it-as-it-is, he tells you, "I want to become involved. The movement here has provided a way for really doing, what he should be doing. He goes on to tell you, "I just want to be available to the men here, the help is needed. To assist in the struggle to find them, when he says these things, that he means it, he takes a trucking from him, he says the right things, realize, that a bribe, he has torn down, he has built a rapport, fearless of what their life is built on indifference, trust and faith.

It is a difficult man in prison to find, but this he has, somehow, you have a little---just enough, impulse of tomorrow, is, still a man. And because of him, a person he has to, in many of us there, had a purpose.

This man is the personification of sincerity, the kind of man that, inside, wish was reality, what a man is all about.

THE WORLD HAS NEED OF YOU

If it's ever so small the part
you take,

The world has need of you.

Be it big or little the effort
you make,

The world has need of you.

If it's only a thought you
give by the way,

If it's only love's word you
pause to say,

It's a part that nobody else
can play,

So the world has need of you.

By your smile you can change
another's life;

By a word you can bring peace
out of strife;

Then lift your head and
never say die;

Count every blessing,
stop every sigh.

Get busy...don't let a chance
slip by,

For the world has need of you.



CAN YOU MAKE IT ON PAROLE?

This article is written for the "fish" who may be misled by the "shark" into believing there is no way you can make it on parole; that your parole officer is going to hound you, and the police and sheriff's officers are going to harass you to the point to where you throw up both hands and say, "What's the use? They really don't want me to make parole."

Nothing can be further from the truth than the above remark. B-U-T first, there are two facts which you must determine for yourself. You must have the DESIRE to make it on parole and you must be DETERMINED that you are going to make it. If you lack either of these, you are on your way back before you walk out that front gate.

There are many things you have to realize and then accept. If you realize them fully and have the backbone to accept them, you have your major battle won. You can't wear expensive clothes and drive a new car and expect your parole officer not to be suspicious when you're only making \$75.00 a week on your job. If a parole officer was so naive as to accept such a thing without investigation, he is incompetent in the job he holds.

If you, as a parolee, expect him to accept such as legitimate, then you're whistling "Dixie". Be assured of difficulties. In most cases men placed on parole, must watch and account for every penny, whether he is married or single.

Don't leave the institution with the idea that your parole officer is going to be "riding" you every time you turn around. Certainly, if a man merits close supervision, he knows this from the very start. Your parole

officer is not going to "ride" you without sufficient reason; if suddenly you are spending more money than you are making, then you can expect questions from your parole officer. And don't "snivel" or "rap" the parole officer when the axe falls.

Many men don't stop to consider one thing about a parole officer; that is: 'the more parolees who receive their discharge from parole, the more successful he is at his job. Don't be afraid to tell your parole officer you need help; he will respect you for it. Every man must ask advice of someone, sometime-----and you're no exception. Your parole officer fully understands most of the problems you are going to be faced with and he is quite willing to impart his advice and help. He also expects you to think for yourself, but he also expects you to contact him and discuss the problems you may not be able to solve alone.

The fact that you are an ex-con and a parolee does not mean your life is ruined or beyond repair. Incarceration didn't make you a "big-man" or a "tough-guy" and it isn't the end of the road either. There is a place for you outside if you want it badly enough. It won't be easy, nothing good and right is easy, "A chip on your shoulder" is the heaviest load you can carry. But prison can be behind you; and freedom will be yours (permanently) if you leave here on parole facing it as one who is ready to abide by the rules, stipulations, and restrictions of parole.

Can you make it on parole? You darn right you can-----that is if you have the DESIRE and the DETERMINATION to do so.

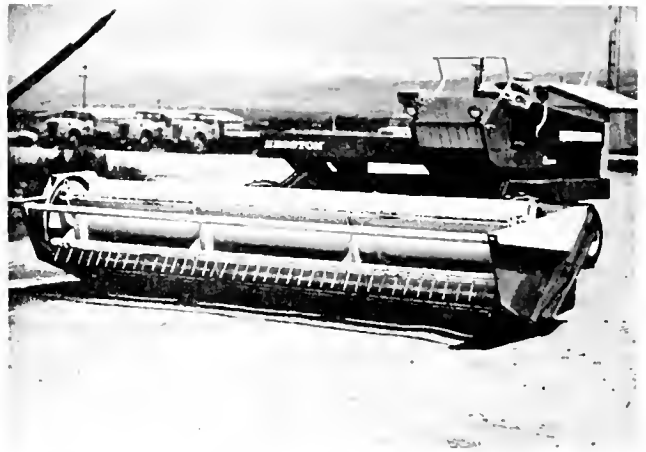
PRISON RANCH

GOES

MODERN

Recently all the arrangements were made whereby the Montana State Prison ranch facility could lease their necessary major farm equipment rather than try to come up with funds to purchase this equipment.

According to the ranch superintendent, Mr. Lou Harris, by being able to lease this equipment it will place the ranch facilities in a much more realistic position of operation. Not only from the standpoint of increased production but modern equipment will also provide much needed training for selected, interested inmates in the operation and maintenance of technical farm machinery.



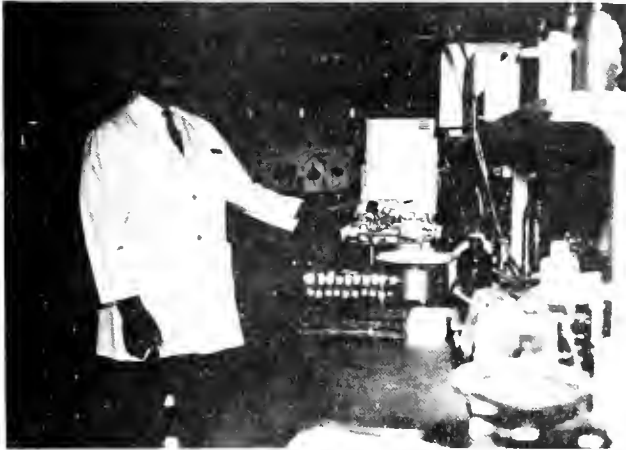
The October issue of the M.P. NEWS will have a feature that will cover the entire operation of the Montana State Prison Ranch. With a Foto story on harvest time.



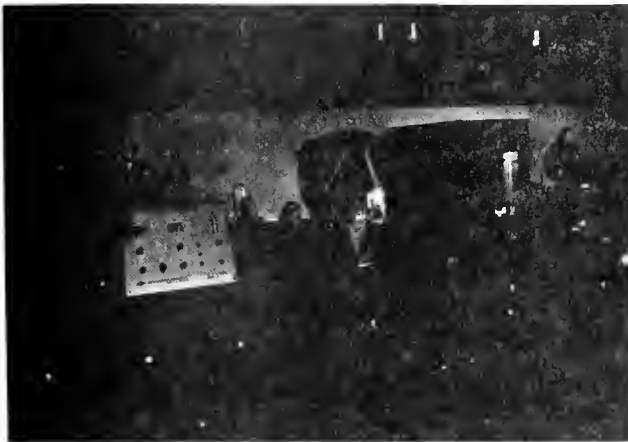
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MEDICAL RESEARCH

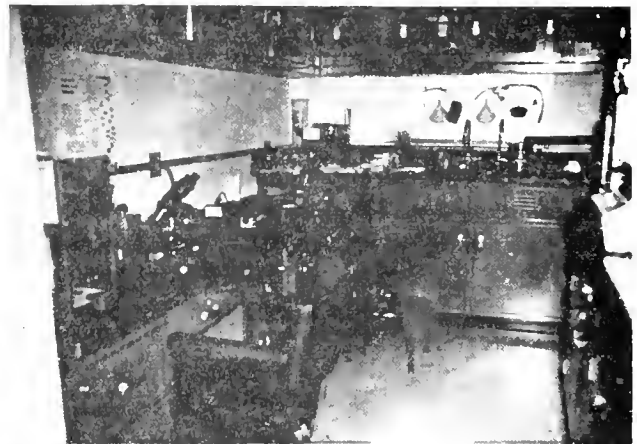
Almost two and one-half years ago a medical research laboratory commenced operations at Montana State Prison. The program affiliated with the University of Montana Foundation at Missoula and funded by a pharmaceutical manufacturer is in the business of testing drugs using inmate volunteers for reaction studies.



All the research programs are under the direction and supervision of Dr. James D. Moore, M.D.. The laboratory itself, which is located adjacent to Rothe Hall, is probably as modern a facility, of its type, as there is in the country.



To the present there have been approximately thirty different studies completed on various types of drugs. A study lasting anywhere from a few days to as long as eight or ten weeks. On an average there are about twenty-five volunteers participating in each study.



Drugs under study during the past couple of years have included antibiotics, antihistamines, tranquilizers, skin creams and antigens. And although there have been scores of inmate participants since the research program's inception, there have been no reactions to any of the drugs outside the predicted bounds of expectancy.

Only drugs as "safe",
 drugs which would be harmful to
 the health or would have any last-
 ing side effects, are used in any
 of the research at



Inmates are paid for serving
 as a volunteer in the research program
 with cash payment which is deposited
 to his prison account. Payments are
 determined by the type of the study
 and the amount of drug ingested.
 Payments average seventy-five
 cents per day, for participating.
 Last year several inmates were able to
 earn in excess of \$100 by partici-
 pating in the medical research pro-
 gram.



In addition to the money which is
 paid to the individual inmate volun-
 teer, additional monies are pro rated
 and paid into the inmate welfare fund
 from which all inmates benefit.

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Citizens Advisory Committee

Montana State Prison is an obsolete vestige of a bygone era in penology. It needs not merely reform, but a radical transformation to bring it into the 20th Century. What has kept Montana's prison so expensive, useless, and crippling is the combined misunderstanding, fear and apathy of the public.

Why the misunderstanding, the fear and the apathy on the part of the public? Primarily, because of a lack of adequate communications between prison officials and the citizens of the state.

Recognizing this all too apparent reality, Warden W. J. (Jim) Estelle Jr., has set about formulating methods by which open lines of communication could be established between prison officials and the public. One of the first steps in this direction has been the establishment of a Citizens Advisory Committee.

This committee is presently composed of an even dozen residents of the Deer Lodge Valley, businessmen, ranchers, professional people and housewives. Meetings are rather an informal affair, held approximately once a month and conducted by the Warden and various members of his staff.

In actuality the Citizens Advisory Committee does not act in an advisory capacity because suggestions dealing with prison policy are not solicited from its members. Rather, the whys of prison policies are clearly explained...plan outlined, and goals defined.

In mid June the Committee toured the prison ranch facilities. Had the ranch superintendent, explain in detail, the ranch operations. They have had an extensive tour of the prison proper. At each meeting, with each briefing, the members of the committee are becoming more aware, more cognizant, of the problems, plans and needs of Montana State Prison.

For the first time there are residents of the Deer Lodge Valley area, several of whom have lived here for twenty-five years or more, who are aware of the facts (not rumors) of how Montana State Prison is actually run.

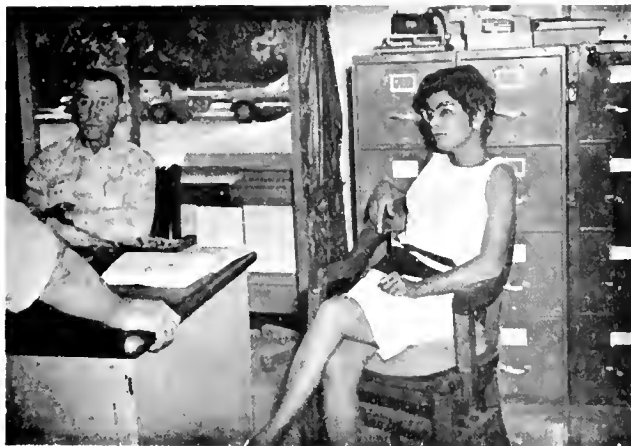
Members of the citizens committee serve without any remuneration whatsoever, they give of their own time, often several hours each month to attend meetings.



We talked at length with members of the committee in regard to their views about the prison, prisoners in general, and objectives and goals of the institution. The results of these conversations were more than encouraging. We say encouraging because it is most evident, the real concern, an informed citizen has, in the end result of a period of incarceration for men in Montana State Prison.

The committee have seen for themselves the complete lack of almost any type of vocational training for imprisoned men of Montana State Prison. By viewing it firsthand they have come to recognize the importance of providing, the opportunity for a man to acquire employment skills if there is to be

any rehabilitative process. They have taken a close look at the antiquated facilities of the main prison and have begun to understand the utter futility and unreasonable expense of the maintenance. An explanation by the ranch superintendent clarified some of the misconceptions citizens of the community had regarding the operation of this facility.



One lady, we spoke to, quite frankly told us when she was asked to become a member of the committee, she had done so, out of nothing more than female curiosity. This is no longer the case-----her curiosity has been replaced with interest and concern. She's involved.

A gentleman told us, that though he had spent over fifty years in the



community, that for the very first time, he had some idea what this prison was really like. Its problems and its needs. He's involved.

It is highly unlikely there is a community in the entire country-----if the people of that community had their "druthers"-----they would much rather have the prison located in PoDunk-----far down the road. Generally, the only contribution a prison makes to the community is the salaries of the employees which is pumped into the local economy. There has always been a certain enigma about this prison, the men confined there, and the people who work there. Acceptance of ideas for progressive change should begin in the home community.

Though most of them do not view themselves as public relations experts or salesmen; the head of any state institution, whether it be a hospital, a training school, a college or university, or a prison; these heads of state institutions are in the business of operating their institution with the utmost efficiency. But, in order to do this with any degree of success, they have to sell their ideas and their products (the results of their efforts) to the public. You don't bring any institution from the medieval to the present by waving a magic wand. The public wants to know, the public is entitled to know where their tax dollars are going and to expect a reasonable return for dollars spent.

A totally objective press can help in promoting progress but it can't hold a candle to the involvement of individual citizens in the planing of how his tax dollars are to be spent. Awareness on the part of the public is an absolute must for progress. The Citizens Advisory Committee is proving to be a concrete example of constructive involvement on the part of the public in their state institutions.

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If you were to walk around Montana State Prison on any given day...it is doubtful that you would see anything that resembled these pictures.

The title implies...a feeling of prison...rather than a pictorial display of environment. If they appear to be a dramatization in picture form, it's because the mood of prison is dramatic. The loneliness, humiliation, fear, lack of communication and waste are all contributory factors in creating an atmosphere realized only in the innermost depths of the inmate's mind. The attitudes they breed are even worse...bitterness, contempt, cynicism and hate.

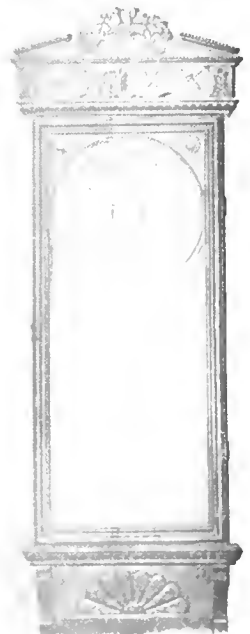
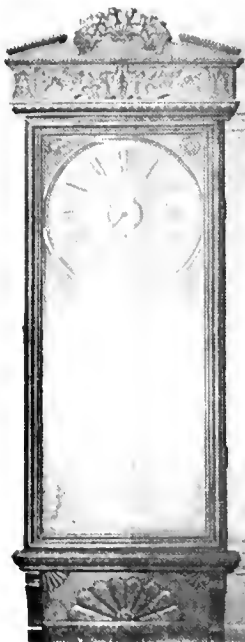
The implication is not that these are the only "feelings" in prison, or that they are predominant. There is however a more conscious awareness... more so than in a normal society offering a freedom of expression and adequate outlets for feelings such as those depicted here.

Prison is much like a giant magnifying glass...perceptively intensifying everything...a thought, a mood or ...time. In the following pages we have tried to present that intensification in photographic form...the eye of man's mind recording.....

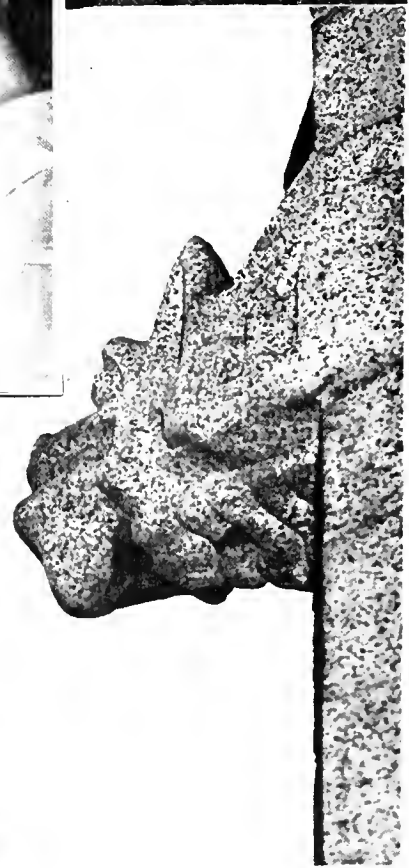
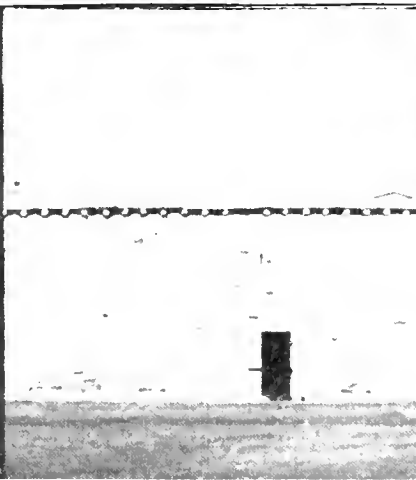
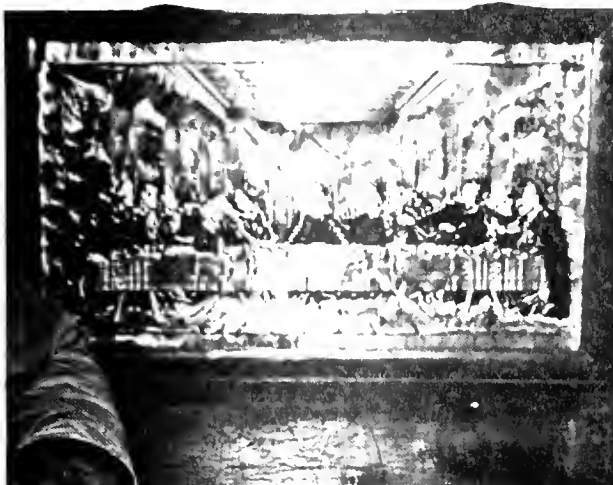


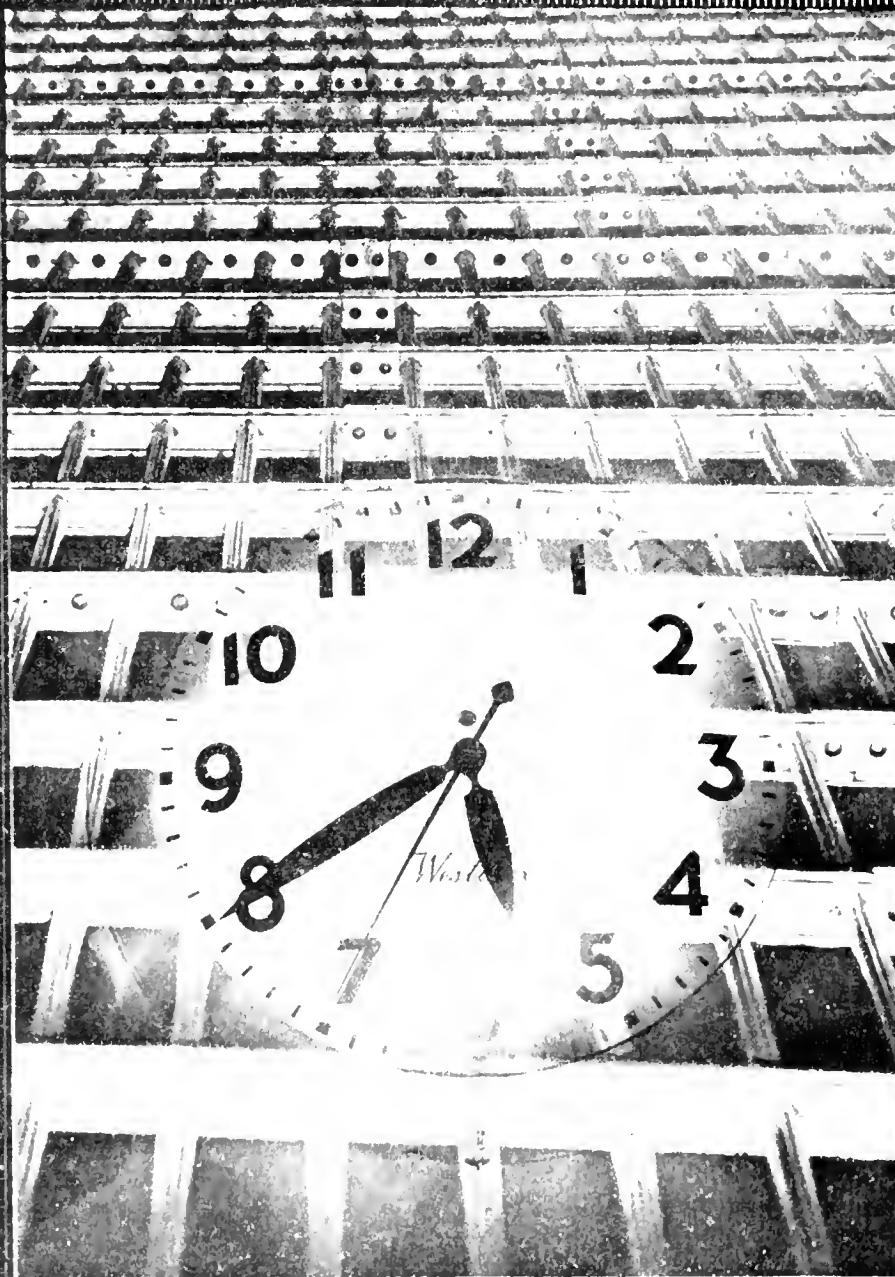
THE FEELING OF...

PRISON

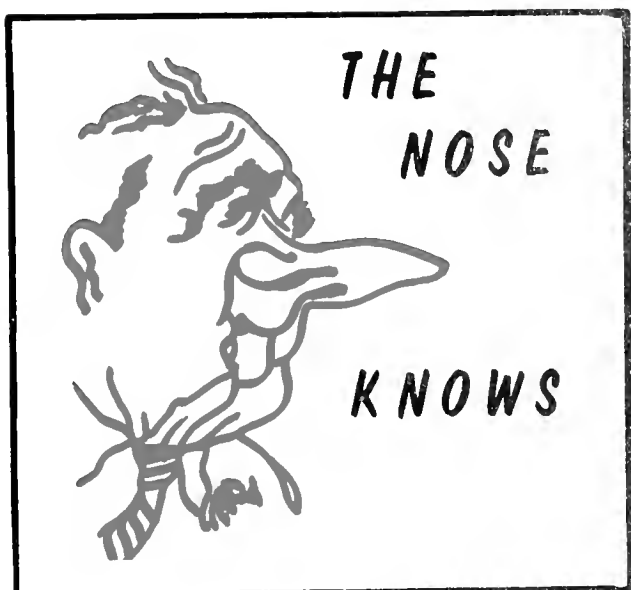








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DEAR NOSE: Is the M.P. News read in Russia?

SIGNED SAM

DEAR SAM: Everything is red in Russia.

DEAR NOSE: If I get the green light at the parole board next September, will they let me keep it?

SIGNED HUH

DEAR HUH: Yes, but you have to turn it off at nine o'clock.

DEAR NOSE: When you was a child and got punished, what was the one thing you wished for. My mother used to pull my hair

SIGNED JERKED

DEAR JERKED: My mother was very nice to me, in your case however if I would have been you, I would have wished to have been bald.

DEAR NOSE: How come when I send a letter out they don't let me put the stamp on myself?

SIGNED STICKY

DEAR STICKY: Because it goes on the letter stupid.

DEAR NOSE: I have been losing my hair for the past few months and it's worrying me. I want to keep it. What should I do?

SIGNED HARRY

DEAR HARRY: Simple, get a plastic bag.

DEAR NOSE: If a man breaks an arm or leg while serving time here, will they give him a medical parole?

SIGNED GEORGE

DEAR GEORGE: No, but if you happen to pass away they'll give you a discharge.

DEAR NOSE: A big meathead hit me in the mouth in the yard last week. I didn't want to snitch, so I told a friend and he told the officers. Did I do wrong?

SIGNED STUPID

DEAR STUPID: No you didn't do wrong, just bar for the course.

DEAR NOSE: Someone called me stupid, self-centered, an egotist and said I was a bum. What should I do?

SIGNED WORRIED

DEAR WORRIED: Don't worry, we know you're not a bum.

DEAR NOSE: I've been here for 36 years and never had any trouble sleeping. Lately though I've had to count sheep for two hours before I could go to sleep. Now the sheep have turned into pretty girls jumping the hedge and I can't sleep. What can I do?

SIGNED JIM SPIVEY

DEAR JIM: At your age, lay back and enjoy the show.



- NEGATIVISM -

The twisting, heinous head of Negativism spirals its destructive way into mans mind and heart, devouring every seed of quality he attempts to cultivate in the reconstructive patterns for a new life and future.

It requires more than the surface attitudes of everyday routine that are static and repressive....and yet it is the desire of all men to be free, yet the quality of that freedom each may gain depends upon the inner freedom he has acquired from his negative nature.

While it is complimentary to gain in academic proportions and acquire a skill that will assure a man his independence against the aspects of poverty. We still face the problem, which is, in its true nature more self consuming, self destructive than any external punishment ever imposed upon man. "Negativism."

We do not have to be in prison to suffer from the chaos that negativism brings into the atmosphere of our activities.

It is here, like the air we breath ...we cannot see it or feel it, for it is swift to encompass our entire nature.

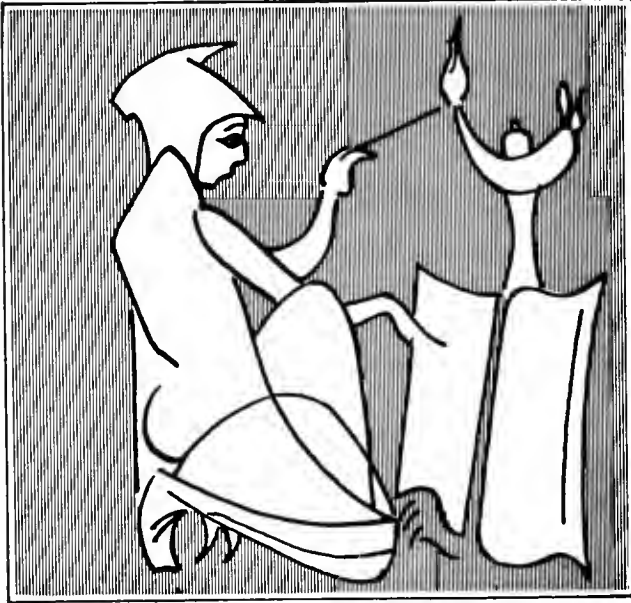
There are very few measures that we can apply to its death, yet there is one step we can take to expose it, see it for its actual self and do nothing to cultivate or intensify its image. Destroy it before it destroys you! "Negativism"

POSITIVISM

Unlike its opposite and disingenuous counterpart, positivism relates its qualities in applications of advancements in the growth of our practical sense of judgement, firmness in our beliefs that illuminate our inner depth in the deeds of constructive thoughts expressed in our behavior towards the dignity man has worked towards in his slow personal growth.

Positive growth towards our personal goals, goals which we must set firmly within the practical range of our qualifications knowing what it is that we want out of life, our life, is the most positive fact which will ever set a man free upon the road of success. When a man is released from prison and walks beyond the iron gates of physical confinement, the pulse of wants and gratifications leaps forward ...here his first temptations bomb his consciousness, demanding to be recognized for they sense the flow of freedom for the first time in years. The positive reaction must be a great sense of self control, patience in its strongest phase holding on to the proper perspective and keeping the mind on the future...yes, this moment of freedom's reality is a test of those things to come, and whether we can reach our goals depends on the inner firmness we commit ourselves to in the personal growth of our positive nature. "Positivism"

CORNER



UNSUBDUED

I have hoped, I have planned,
I have striven,
To the will I have added
the deed:
The best that was in me
I've given,
I have prayed, but the gods
would not heed.
I have dared and reached
only disaster,
I have battled and broken
my lance;
I am bruised by a
pitiless master
That the weak and the timid
call chance.
I am old, I am bent,
I am cheated
Of all that Youth urged me
to win;
But name me not with
the defeated,
Tomorrow, again, I begin.

S. E. Kiser

INVICTUS

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods there be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud;
Under the bludgeoning of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds and shall find me unafraid.

It matters not how straight the gate,
 How charged with punishment the scroll,
 I am the master of my fate,
 I am the captain of my soul!

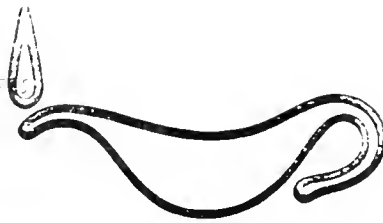
W. E. Henley

BALLAD OF... READING GAOL

The vilest deeds like poison weeds
Bloom well in prison air;
It is only what is good in Man
That wastes and withers there;
Pale Anguish keeps the heavy gate,
And Warder in despair.

This too I know...and wise it were
If each could know the same...
That every prison that men build
Is built with bricks of shame,
And bound with bars lest Christ should
see...How men their brothers maim.

Oscar Wilde



Evening
May 11th

Dear Sir,

FINALLY, we've made our way through the entanglements of a nationwide poetry contest. Entries came from several prisons in most states--one from Deer Lodge. Every poem William P. Luckenbach sent us was a finalist, and we chose one for honorable mention. Mr. Luckenbach's winning poem will appear in our next issue, and copies will be sent for your prison library.

As for the horrendous delay--please forgive us. We got in a bit of a mess, and it took a while to straighten out.

Judging took a lot out of us--and it put a lot in. Our staff appreciates your having let us experience the poetry we did. Thank you for your time and patience.

A TRIP TO THE STORE

Rosemary Polzin

Rosemary Polzin
Assistant Editor

An ounce of justice please.

Sorry, we're all out.

Do you have any mercy?

Nope, haven't had any in stock for a long time.

You wouldn't happen to have a quart of peace would you?

Hah!

How about hope?

Sorry, we've never carried that item here.

Well, okay then, give me a bag of greed

a box of prejudice

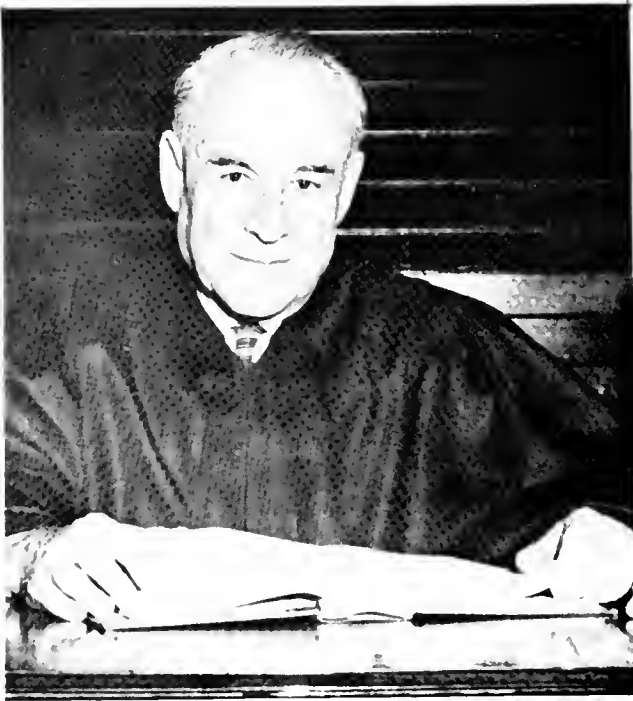
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and a couple pounds of hate.

Gothca!



—LUCKENBACK



Hon. Lester H. Loble

It should be of interest not only to the inmate population but to the other readers of the MP News that one of the most interested individuals in the welfare of people who are in trouble happens to be a District Court Judge.

The man referred to in this instance is the Hon. Lester H. Loble. The Inmate Welfare Fund was the recipient of a sizeable check from the Lester H. Loble Foundation. The Foundation is funded by royalties from Judge Loble's writings and from his public appearances.

The foundation has made many contributions to institutions that are concerned with the welfare of people in trouble and also to the Vo-Tech schools in order that deprived students may continue their studies.

In a letter that accompanied Judge Loble's generous support was the following poem which he attributed to an unknown author but merits reprinting in the MP News.

There are two kinds of people on earth today.
Just two kinds of people, no more, I say.

Not the good and the bad,
For it's understood
That the good are half bad
And the bad are half good.

Not the rich and the poor,
For to know a man's wealth
You must first know the state
Of his conscience and health.

Not the humble and proud
For in life's little sapn
He who is vainglorious
Is scarcely a man.

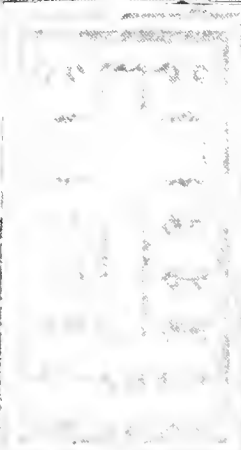
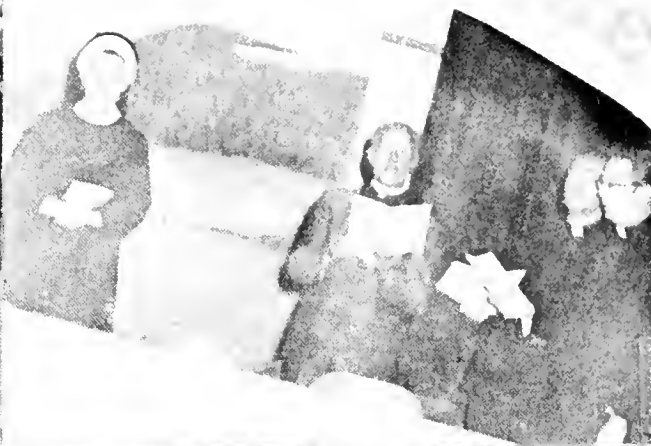
Not the happy and sad,
For life's fleeting years,
Bring each man his happiness
And each man his tears.

But the two kinds of people
On earth that I mean
Are the people who lift,
And the people who lean.

And oddly enough,
And it is true, I wean,
There is always one lifter,
For twenty who lean.

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Mr. Glen Kenison, of the Employment Security Commission, since being assigned as the employment counselor, at Montana State Prison, has most ably filled one of the most critical needs of the men about to be released from the institution.

Men leaving prison have always had great difficulty obtaining employment. Mr. Kenison, with an extensive background with the Employment Security Commission, has been able to obtain and develop employment opportunities for many men who would otherwise still be confined because of a lack of steady employment.

Mr. Kenison's duties entail a very close association with the Board of Pardons and Parole as well as a cooperative relationship with Mr. Lee the Vocational Rehabilitation counselor.

DONALD LEE



VOC REHAB

A much needed full time Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor has been added to the staff of Montana State Prison. Mr. Donald (Buddy) Lee recently assumed this position.

Mr. Lee, originally from the Conrad-Shelby area holds a masters degree in sociology from Montana State University, and for three years, while in attendance there, played varsity football for the MSU Bobcats.

One of the most glaring facts in any prison is the large majority of men who, when released, lack the qualifications or training to aid them in finding stable employment. In many instances training of one tupe or another may be available.

Though the mere fact that a man is incarcerated in prison does not automatically make him eligible for Voc ReHab training there are many men who will, for one reason or another, qualify. The Vocational Rehabilitation Training Program under the direction of Mr. Lee will now become a very integral part of the overall rehabilitation program of the institution.



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by
Gordie Wilkins

On the Softball slow pitch scene this past month, the Inside nine wrapped up a share of the lead in the first go-around of a three time around outing. The All Stars faltered a bit going into the second turn of the affair but have recovered nicely to come pounding down the winners trail again.

Rothe Hall hasn't faired as well in their schedule but show promise of wiping out the competition in the fast pitch league which is scheduled to start in the early part of July.

Warming up for that series, the Inside "A" team has been getting and giving some tough competition to an all Indian team, holding a slight edge in a five game series this past month.



Now that the idea of possible outside competition in weightlifting has captured the fancy of a goodly number of the inmate population, the interest in banging a bunch of iron has increased.

Both Rothe Hall and Inside have been boosting their efforts in that direction with intensive programs of routine, building to a competitive peak for future meets.

All too often in the past it would appear that there is no sport activity at Rothe Hall. Such is hardly the case however and in this and subsequent issues of the M.P. News we will have better coverage of events from our country cousins. The problem of course has been one of accessibility...at least where pictorial coverage is concerned. This month we're featuring some of the Iron Men from the ranch and showcasing some of the fine talent of those with that particular bent.



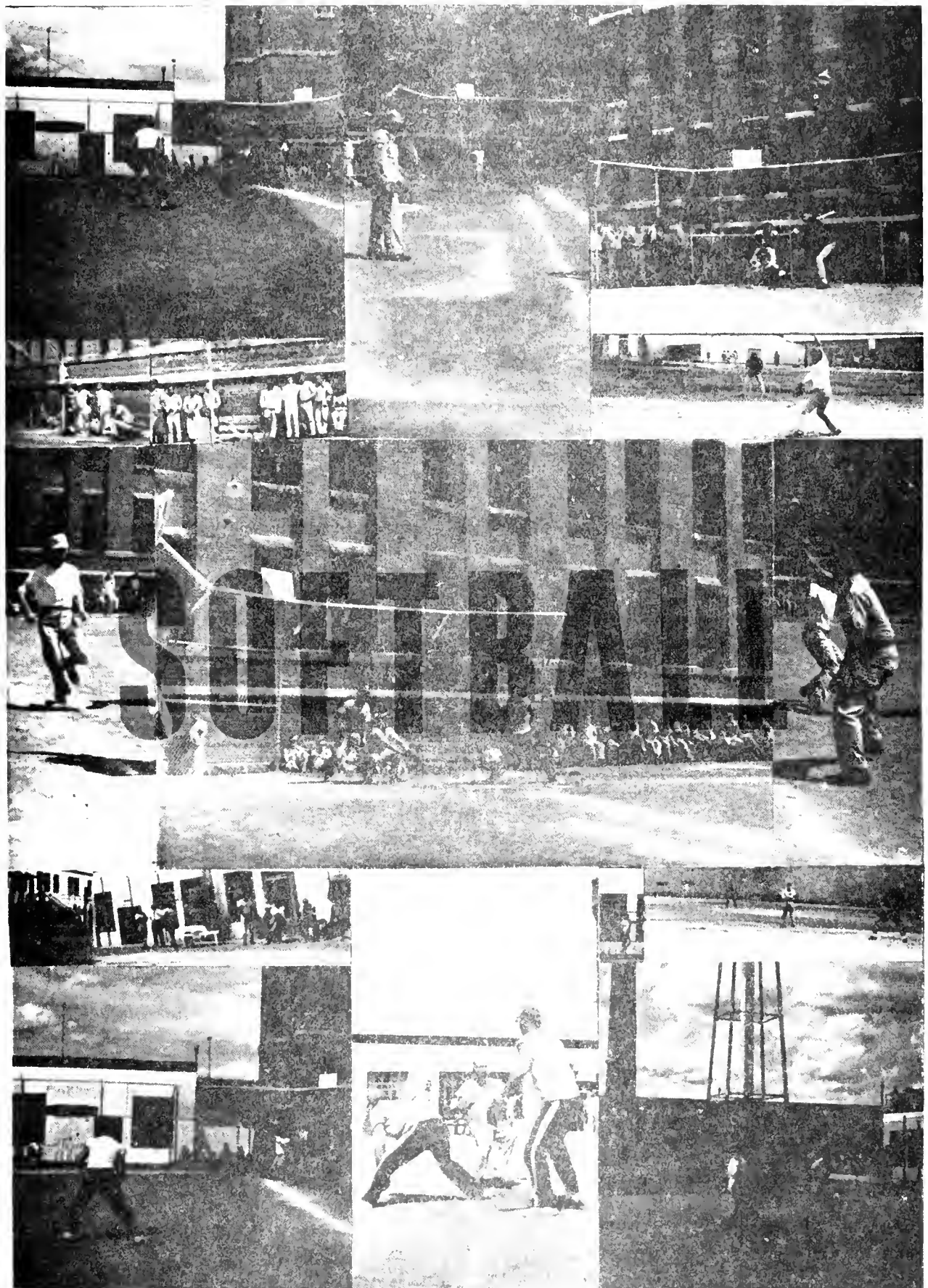
In upcoming issues of our little sortie into the sports world via the written and pictorial approach, we'll be covering several holiday events such as the annual 4th of July bash which as always should be a wild milieu of competitive activity covering... everything from horseshoes to volleyball and the intramural get-togethers.. that figure so prominently in these festive affairs.

Enough concerning the future events and prospective plans for sports in and around the area ...Right now let's take a look at the now "happenings" at M.S.P., Deer Lodge.



Gordie Wilkins
SPORTS EDITOR

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M.S.P. INSIDERS IN 2ND PLACE

The M.S.P. Inside "A" team is holding an impressive win record against all competition in the softball slow-pitch triple go-around.

A ten win, two loss and one forfeit puts the Insiders in a solid second place in the standings with about ten games still to be played in the second round of the thrice around affair.

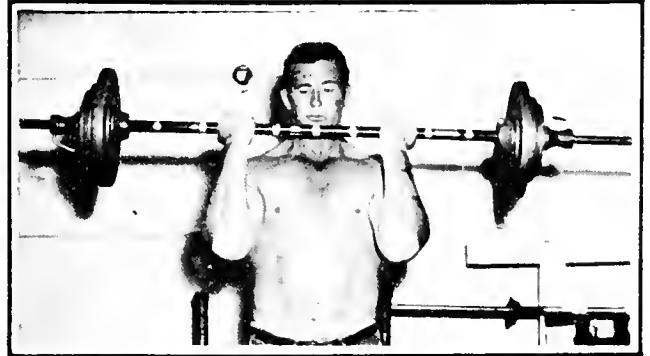
Coupled with their share of the lead in the first go-around and a good chance at coming out on top in the second lap, the "A" team should pull in a winner all the way.

Rothe Hall hasn't faired as well in slow pitch action....posting only a pair of wins against ten losses so far in league play. Once the fast pitch action starts however, they look to be right up on top, especially with the impressive battery of pitchers on their roster.

Slow pitch action is scheduled to continue until sometime in early August...and at the pace the Inside team has been setting with their hustle, hitting and know-how M.S.P. looks to come up with a winner in that tussle.



IRON MEN



RE-CAP

Featured in this issue are a few of the Iron Men from Rothe Hall. That group has apparently taken to heart the idea of competitive lifting. The turnout has been heavy in the past weeks and with the set routines being established it should prove fruitful for a future go at records both here and possibly at other institutions.

Softball is in full swing of course...the five team schedule is now about half completed and the Inside squad looks to be a winner all the way ...Next month we'll have a few of the vitals on Fast Pitch since play in that category will get underway in early July.

All in all it's turning out to be a pretty busy summer of sports activity here at M.S.P. with the institution fielding two competitive teams in league play and some fast, tough play being witnessed by our many ardent fans.

For this month that's the way the ball has been bouncing...In the next issue...still more of the same in a summer of sports fun at M.S.P.

"Gordie" Wilkins
SPORTS EDITOR

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Hot Air Balloon

HAS IT EVER HAPPENED TO YOU?

Getting shampoo in place of the tooth paste you ordered at Canteen.... Being written up for needing a haircut when the man next to you looks like a sheep dog...Turned clothes into the laundry and got nothing but a hard time in return...Let someone cut in front of you in the Canteen line, and he's the last one to be granted any purchase.

DEFINITIONS

The word "rack", which to us means a place for sleeping, was appropriately named. The dictionary defines the word "rack" as a medieval instrument of torture.

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

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PERSONAL

Will the party who removed the pink plastic cup from tier two, please, return the dentures which were soaking in it? Keep the cup.

USED CLOTHING

Large variety of virtually unusable garments. Available in two sizes ...too large and too small. Contact the clothing room.

MISCELLANEOUS

What is the measure of a man? Around here it seems to be how big a mouth he has...Anyone can die for a cause. The hard thing to do is to live for one.

REFLECTIONS, as on a crowded bus, you needn't worry about finding your station; sooner or later, someone's bound to tell you where to get off.

HELP WANTED

Need volunteers to clip the lawn in the compound. Report at 5:00 A.M. to the yard crew supervisor. Bring your own scissors and please....don't smoke the grass!

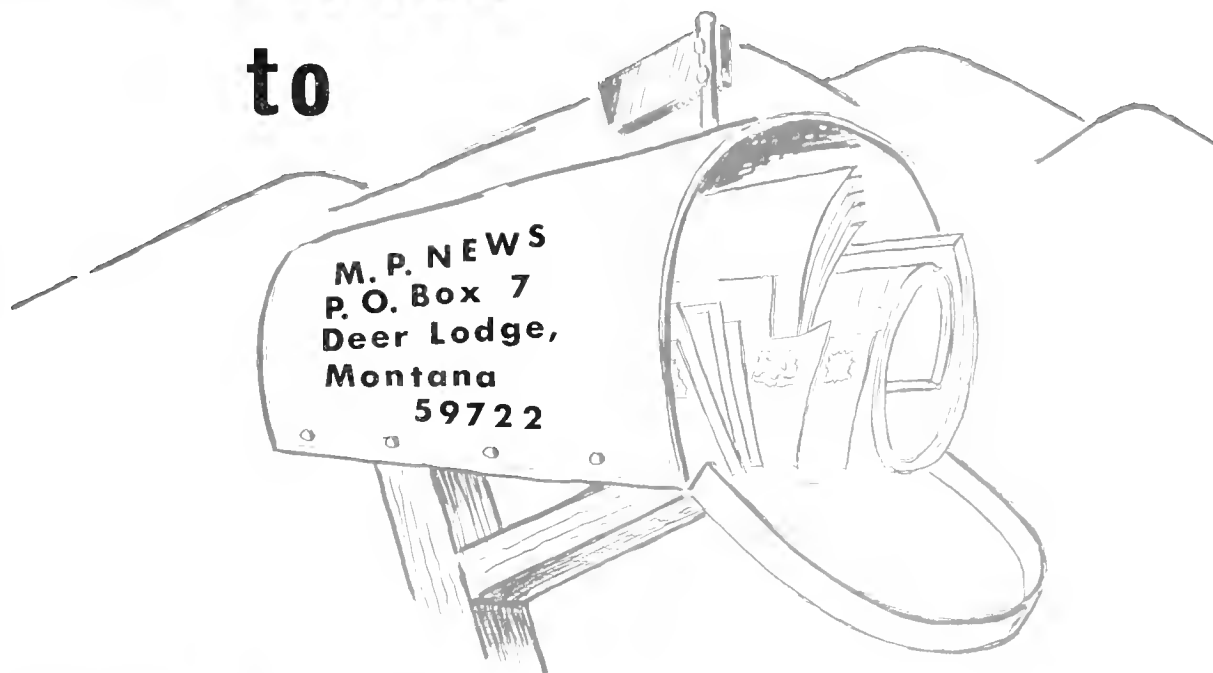
FLOOR SHOW

Don't miss this one! Gallery nine on Tues., Wed., and Thurs. only. Featuring Ogden R. Furdley and Fenwick Q. Finster doing their inimitable tap dances, and suitable poetry recitations.



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THE LONG AND THE SHORT OF IT



At first glance through the completed pages of our July issue, it would appear there was no theme or continuity of thought along a given line of ideation.

Perhaps in the second scanning, one might glimpse the notions that tend to pop up continually, though at times they are admittedly somewhat subliminal.

The one word that would seem to apply in holding with any steady continuity of thought in this issue is.... involvement. Involvement in the issues of prison reformation...involvement in the community problems in which the prison plays a positive role....involvement in a massive step towards mechanization and modernization....and involvement in the progressive betterment of communication between the Administration, the Community, the Public...and the Inmate...the involvement of both the individual and the group.

Out of the dark age of iron fisted thought and rule has finally evolved an approach with reason and a realistic attitude towards all that a prison implies and...involves. At long last the lines of communication are drawn, between the inmate and administration, between administration and community, between community and the public at large. The candid approach and openness in discussion is proving that people do care, they are concerned, they want to learn and understand and ...they want to become...involved.

Cross-sectioning the general public about the problems of, in and around prison we've come up with some amazingly revealing and relative answers. A community care and concern about prison and its problems in relation to the community proper...the economic effect and impact of those problems on the community...and the newly created liaison between prison administration and the community to better understand those problems through discursive effort...the group approach to involvement.

In the singular vein of involvement...a Priest-Sociologist becoming engrossed in the personal, individual and collective problems of the inmate and the prison proper....the accent on rehabilitation through incentive programs....both individual and group....the modernizing the means of supplying the basic needs of sustenance, both mental and physical. That particular approach involving the foresight of an individual to see the value and need to update equipment and utilize a highly individual form of manpower.

In the long run...the proof that these are giant steps in the direction of progress will all relate back to those individuals and groups who are transposing ideas into reality...in short, their...involvement.

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